Dear Larry, A friend or rather former friend who was never very good on follow-thru was supposed to have sent me the Newsday reporting on Nixon-Rebozo-Smathers but didn't. If you have this and can find time, I'd appreciate a copy. I have a reporter friend who I think would appreciate one, too. I am reminded of this by reviewing a note and some past clips on The Watergate Caper, just received. One thing that is fairly conspicuous is that the Republicans hired an unlicensed security service with three other applicants. Add to this the hiding of who recommended and saying only that the personnel people hired him, the payment to him on a personal basis but purchases from his business in the name of the buz., and a rather interesting gap in his spook employment from 1943 to 1951, the end of one FBI employment and beginning of another. (Don't these coincide with probable draft eligibility for a 53-year-old?) . And he retired from the CIA in 1970, exactly when Hunt did, or same year? What kind of retirement at so early an age unless it was continuous and federal?... One of the stories casts Fiorini/Sturgis in a slightly different pre-Bay Pigs role, subordinate to "Barker" in similar function, not mere trainee. Odd this wasn't carried further... Stories on Fort Jackson Cubans do not say they were behind caper, so technically, they should not be the group today's Post referred to. Not those I have just read, anyway. ...Nature, cost of counsel beyond Hunt's probable resources...Can't imagine Fiorini putting Smathers on his jail visiting list without expecting Smathers having a reason for coming to see him ...If this develops, don't forget Hank Messick's Lansky has index and refs to Nixon, Smathers, Rebozo Mafia/Lansky connections . Not suggesting Mafia job. Don't believe. But with all these wheels, some have to mesh. Best,

Should have made copy for you. Please return for Bugging file. No rush. Just to keep me from forgetting if I write or am consulted.